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Recording Media Having Protective

Overcoats of Highly Tetrahedral Amorphous Carbon and Methods for their Production Confirmation No. 8456

Examiner:

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RESPONSE

Mailstop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (hereinafter "Office Action") mailed on July 6, 2006, and a supplemental Office Action (hereinafter "Office Action Supplement") mailed July 21, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.